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Form 8-K July 31, 2006

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 25, 2006

CHENIERE ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-16383 95-4352386 (State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

717 Texas Avenue Suite 3100

Houston, Texas 77002 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 659-1361

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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On July 25, 2006, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Cheniere Energy, Inc. (the "Company") approved the payment of \$100,000 to each non-employee director of the Company as compensation for services for the period from the current year's annual meeting of Stockholders (May 23, 2006) until the next year's annual meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Period"). An additional payment of \$20,000 was approved for the chairman of the Audit Committee and the chairman of the Compensation Committee for the Annual Period. The payment shall be made, at the election of the director, either 100% in shares of the Company's restricted stock, 100% in cash or 50% in cash and 50% in shares of restricted stock. Cash payments shall be made quarterly as of the last business day of July, October, January and April, beginning on July 31, 2006. Shares of restricted stock will be issued in December 2006. The number of restricted shares to be issued will be determined based on a 25% discount to the closing price of the Company's common stock as reported on the American Stock Exchange on the date of the Company's December 2006 Board meeting or the last business day of the calendar year, if there is no December Board meeting (the "Date of Grant"). Vesting will occur for one-third of the restricted shares on each anniversary of the Date of Grant beginning on the first anniversary of the Date of Grant. A summary of the compensation to be paid to non-employee directors is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

d) Exhibits

Exhibit

Number Description

10.1 Summary of Compensation to Non-Employee Directors

(filed herewith)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CHENIERE ENERGY, INC.

Date: July 31, 2006 By: /s/ Don A. Turkleson

Name: Don A. Turkleson

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer

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